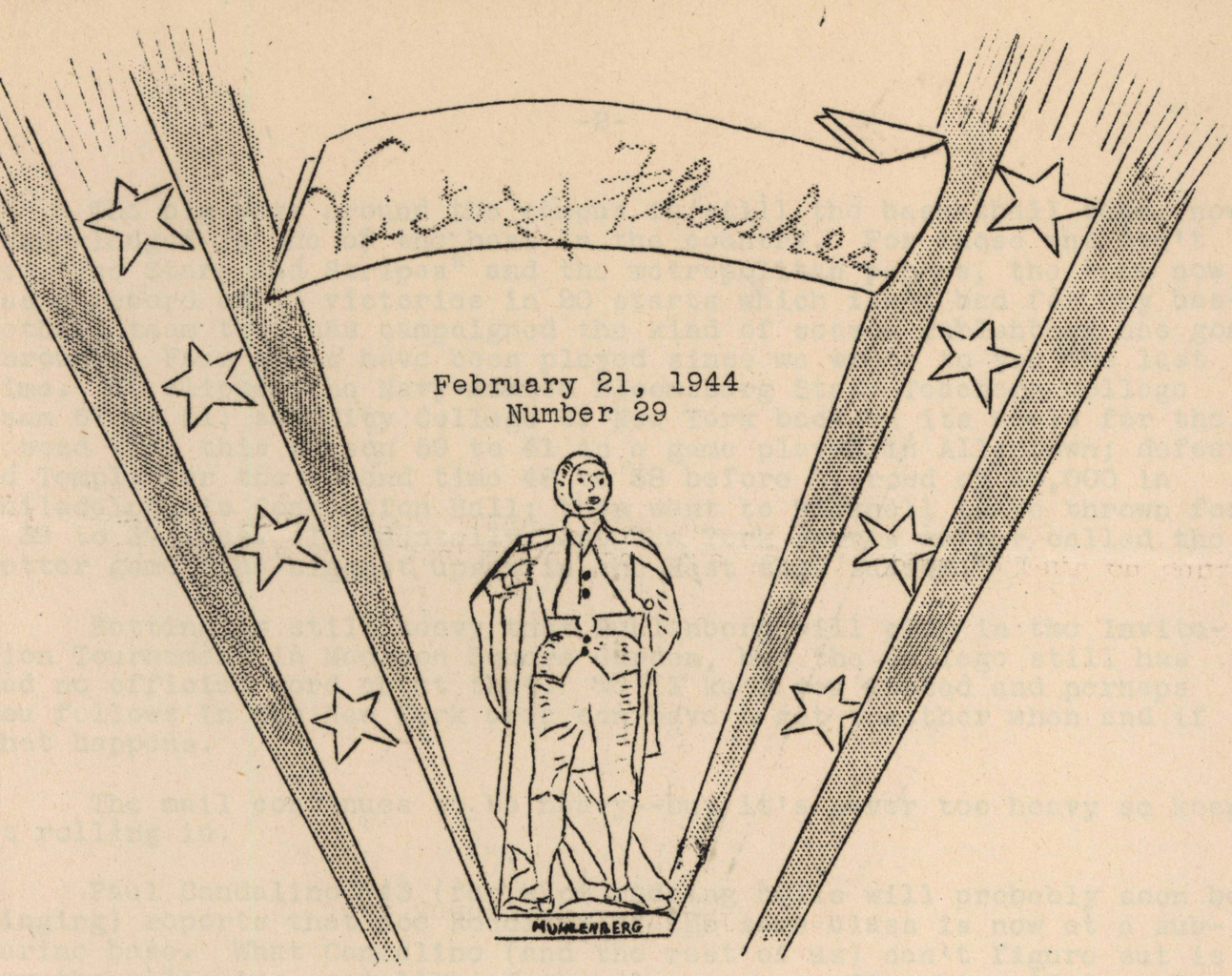

Greetings Again:

During the past two weeks I've discovered a few of the reasons that made John Wagner happy about his job as Alumni Secretary. The letters some of you fellows have been writing are enough to make anyone smile, even when looking at a desk that is piled high with a week's accumulation of back work. The letters have been grand and we appreciate them. You can rest assured that we'll keep them coming to you.

We've had a lot of fun around here the past few days reorganizing the Alumni Office to be of continued service to you and to all Alumni, even with John Wagner on leave of absence for the duration. When John went into service, part of his duties were added to mine in the public relations office. But with the new duties came more help. Margaret Schwartz Ritter, secretary in the Alumni Office for 16 years before Bill Ritter married her, is back on the job to help us for the duration. You should see the change in Bill since he married her and you should see the change in the Alumni Office since she is back. We have moved the office into the main offices, into the area immediately in front of Dr. Wright's office. That's where we want to see you whenever you get a chance to drop in. Mrs. Ritter, Miss Mittl, my own secretary, and I are here to serve you. Try us and see what we mean.

Plans have been shaping up for the Winter Commencement on Sunday afternoon, February 27. Among those who will receive degrees will be four men who left College to serve in the armed forces and who since then have been able to complete requirements for graduation. They are Kenneth Struble, Ralph Lentz and Allan Maki, all now in the Army Air Forces, and Kenny Stone, who completed his college work as a Marine trainee in engineering at Bucknell. There will be 17 men in the class and all of them will be graduated as members of the classes with which they normally would have completed their work.

The student body wants us to pass the word along to you that the graduation ball will be held at the Allentown Armory on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 9 p.m. They are ready to welcome any of you fellows who are close enough to Allentown to attend. Johnny McGee and his band will provide the music and your date may come formal. For those of you who can't make it, look forward with us to the big dance that will be part of the Victory Reunion Week-end--or shall we make it a week?

The big news around the campus is still the basketball team, now acknowledged as one of the best in the country. For those who don't see "The Stars and Stripes" and the metropolitan papers, the team now has a record of 17 victories in 20 starts which isn't bad for any basketball team that has campaigned the kind of season Muhlenberg has gone through. Four games have been played since we wrote to you the last time. We clipped the Navy-manned Bloomsburg State Teachers College team 67 to 51; set City College of New York back on its heels for the second time this season 59 to 41 in a game played in Allentown; defeated Temple for the second time 48 to 38 before a crowd of 10,000 in Philadelphia's Convention Hall; then went to Bucknell to be thrown for a 39 to 37 loss. Incidentally, one New York sports writer called the latter game "the biggest upset in the East this season."

Betting is still heavy that Muhlenberg will play in the Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden, but the College still has had no official word about that. We'll keep you posted and perhaps you fellows in the New York area can have a get together when and if that happens.

The mail continues to be heavy--but it's never too heavy so keep it rolling in.

Paul Candalino '43 (for whom wedding bells will probably soon be ringing) reports that Joe Roediger of the same class is now at a submarine base. What Candalino (and the rest of us) can't figure out is how the galloping socialite of the class can confine himself to undersea restrictions. Johnnie Psiaki received his commission at Harvard and, according to the same informant, will probably be graduated next September or October qualified to understand or create Navy red tape.

Charlie Moran '43, who just completed PT boat training, came home for a few days but had little time to hang around his favorite haunt, the College Store. He got himself engaged to a charming little Pan American Airways secretary, Irene M. Davis of New York, who shared his leave.

Herb Dowd '43, got in the way of some shell fragments in Italy and picked up a few punctures. His injuries, you'll be glad to know, were not very serious.

Here are some of the new ranks and ratings we have been noticing: CAPTAIN William H. Rogers '37, LIEUTENANT Burton H. Sexton '42, STAFF SERGEANT Walter J. Wolfe '29, CAPTAIN Charles O. Ohl '41, LIEUTENANT Paul R. Kuhns '42, SERGEANT TECHNICIAN Frederick Eagle '35, LIEUTENANT COLONEL Edward J. Mattson '24, SERGEANT Wallace H. Deebel '29, TECHNICAL SERGEANT Joseph Podany '42, LIEUTENANT (J.G.) William Seibert '40, ENSIGN Denny B. Beattie, Jr. '43, ENSIGN Paul Candalino '43, ENSIGN Fred Bowman '43, ENSIGN Frank Taylor '42, and MAJOR G.W. Blank '23.

If you want to hear about the sailor who froze his finger ask Lt. James Kilpatrick '33 of the Navy, who now is stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station at St. Simons Island, Ga. Jim is completing some special training and doesn't expect to be there long. The latest word from Wagner is that if he'd be writing this letter, it would probably be in Morse code. He says he'll flash the next one to you on blinker lights.

Lt. Lee Snyder, '42 writes from APO 927, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. Almost all of his fellow medical officers are Pennsylvanians, a few of them graduates of schools which are rivals of Muhlenberg in inter-collegiate sports. Lt. David W. Kline, '32 has come back from sea and reports he is working harder than ever (he's in the Navy) at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Key West, Fla. Woodrow Guth '41, also in the Navy, has been on his back for the past month in the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. The trouble seems to be rheumatic fever. Pfc. Roy Kern '45 is learning to live with the Chinese after being on

duty in England. "There are more putrid odors in this small area of China" he writes, "than there are in the whole state of Pennsylvania."

Capt. Frederick A. Dry '37 reports that Ireland is very beautiful and truly lives up to its name of the Emerald Isle. Lt. R.E. Albee '42 is still in the jungles with the Marines, in a combat area about which he is unable to write. Tuss Becker '43 received his Christmass package in India, where he is still playing basketball, and Jack Blair got his somewhere in New Guinea. Becker recently received two medals, one for good conduct and the other, a driver's award.

Major G.W. Blank '23, writing from APO 696, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., makes this observation "As one travels about as I have done amid the horror which wars produce, he can only give thanks to God that he is striving to make this world a safe and better place to dwell. None of us ever gives thought of personal glory even though everyone nourishes the hope of some day being able to return to a life of peace and happiness." Although the Loyalty Fund campaign has not as yet officially begun, Lt. (j.g.) Henry Esterly '44 sent his contribution from a San Francisco Fleet Post Office address.

Capt. Carl Proehl '39, his wife reports, now has a Fleet Post Office address. Edward Sikorski '46 is one of a good many Muhlenberg men whose letters now begin "Somewhere in England." I hope they will be able to get together over there and have a good old-fashioned Muhlenberg bull session. Another one of them is Charlie Krauss '46.

Here are some of the men who are new on our service list since the last time I wrote to you:

Wesley A. Miller '46
Lenoir-Rhyne College
Hickory, N.C.

Henry H. Esterly, Lt.(j.g.) '44
Navy 250, Staff Comdr. Aircraft
c/o F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

Lt.(j.g.) Thomas J. Richter '38
USN Hospital
c/o Senior Chaplain
San Diego, Calif.

Chaplain Ernest W. Moyer, '15
Office of the Chaplain
Station Hospital
Fort Sill, Okla.

A/S Martin Fels '42
Co. 4055 Barrack 431U
USNTS, Bainbridge, Md.

Capt. Robert S. Rusling '18
Officers Quarters No. 7
Kennedy General Hospital
Memphis, Tenn.

Nathan O. McWaters, 33827211 '45
Bty. D., 816 AAA Bn.
Camp Haan, Calif.

Robert W. Heimbach '35
Address Wanted

And here are some of the address changes. We have complete APO addresses on file at the office and will be glad to send them to you on request. Censorship regulations prevent us from listing them here.

A/S Donald J. Klotz '44
Temple Medical School
Philadelphia, Penna.

A/S Thompson A. Ferrier '43
Penna. Medical School
Philadelphia, Penna.

Pfc. Weir Cressman '28
Address Wanted

Cadet Howard R. Haring '46
3318th SU., ASTU Co. A-4
Drexel Inst. of Tech.
Philadelphia 4, Penna.

A/S Scott W. Skinner '44
Hahnemann Medical School
Philadelphia, Penna.

A/S Ray F. Peters '45
Penna. Dental School
Philadelphia, Penna.

Capt. Herman F. Meckstroth '28
Address Wanted

Pfc. Francis Wainwright '37
100th Sign. Co. 100th Inf. Div.
APO 447 c/o Postmaster
Fort Bragg, N.C.

Pfc. Lowell C. Yund '44
Co. E. 3305th ASTU
Univ. of Penna.
Philadelphia 4, Penna.

Ens. J.D. Clifford '43
Div. 78 MTBSTC
Newport (Melville) R.I.

Pfc. Bernard O. Thomas '40
58th Base H.Q. & A.B. Sqdn.
Gunter Field
Montgomery, Ala.

Arthur C. Damask '45
Address Wanted

S/Sgt. Walter J. Wolfe '29
Classification Office
Columbia Replacement Depot
Columbia Army Air Base
Columbia, S.C.

H.W. Pfeifer '39
Naval Trg. School (Chaplains)
College of Wm. & Mary
Williamsburg, Va.

Pfc. Claude A. Kershner '45
AAFFGS Sqdn. 3 Class 44-9 YAAF
Yuma, Ariz.

Pfc. Frank Bianco '34
Co. C. AST SU 1151
111 Huntington Ave.
Boston 16, Mass.

Pvt. Henry Kline '45
Address Wanted

Lt. Robert H. Trimble '40
512th AAA Gun Bn. A. Btry.
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Ens. John Bisset '42
N.A.S.
Dallas, Texas

Lt. Andrew B. Hendryx '45
56th Armored Inf. Bn.
Camp Barkley, Texas

A/C Kenneth Struble '43
Brks. 117 44-C
Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga.

John Murphy '40
Address Wanted

Capt. James F. Brown, '41
Co A 515th Prcht. Inf.
Camp Mackall, N.C.

Lt. Arlan Bond '42
APO 230 c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

T/Sgt. Frederick Eagle '35
Hq. & Sv. Trp, 101st Cav. Rcn. Sd.
Camp Ashly, Va. Beach, Va.

Capt. Don. L. Warmouth '34
APO 307, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Pvt. Kenneth Kaufman '46
Co. A 6th Ptn.
Georgetown Univ.
Washington 7, D.C.

Capt. Henry R. Passaro '39
S-3 Section AAATC
Camp Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. Charles P. Burrell '43
Address Wanted

Major Richard N. Thompson '41
APO 638, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Pfc. Ralph W. Bagger '45
ASTU 3801 Stars
A & M College of Texas
College Station, Texas

Pvt. Earl A. Bender '45
Barracks 614 Div. 1 Sec. 1
N.A.P.S.
Bainbridge, Md.

Ens. Denny B. Beattie '43
USNATB Crew 5197
Solomons Branch
Washington, D.C.

T/Sgt. E. Malesky '35
82nd Eng. Bn. C
Camp Swift, Texas

William B. Breiderthal '41
Address Wanted

Pfc. Ralph Kieffer '29
139th Sign. Radio Intelligence Co.
MacDillfield, Tampa 8, Fla.

Sgt. Carl Ritter '30
APO 887 c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Major Elwood F. Saxer '29
Room 226 Sec. 2 Bldg. 100
Governors Island
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Paul R. Kuhns '42
802 Bomber Sqdn. 470 Bomber Grp.
Army Air Base
Tonapoh, Nev.

Walter P. Conrad '30 32988095
ASN Co. A 783 M.P. Bn.
Fort Custer, Mich.

Charles Reinsmith '41
AAFTTC BTC 4
409 T.G.-X203
Miami Beach, Fla.

A/C William E. Young '42
Sqdn. 4 Grp 8 Flight 2
Class 44-I
Maxwell Field, Fla.

Lt. Henry K. Bauman '39
Div. Hqd. Q.M. Office
71st Div. APO 360
c/o P.M., Camp Carson, Colo.

Sp.2/c Edward Miller '37
Sun Valley Rifle Range
N.C.T.C. G-14
Davisville, R.I.

Lt. Harry A. Strauss '40
331 F.A. Bn. APO 450
Camp Livingston, La.

Capt. Fred C. Lorish '37
2910 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, Cal.

T/Sgt. George O. Zanger '34
APO 722 Unit 3 c/o P.M.
Minneapolis, Minn.

James Kilpatrick '33
US Naval Air Station
Vero Beach, Fla.

Lt. James A. Robers '36
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Capt. Carl W. Proehl '39
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Cpl. W.L. Trauch '29
APO 955 c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

A/C William Barba '44
Cad. Brks 30B 107
USNAS, Bunker Hill, Ind.

Pfc. Edward J. Sikorski '46
APO 638 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

William H. Evans '45
Address Wanted

Capt. William H. Rogers '37
APO 9639 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Lee I. Snyder, 02047160 '42
27 General Hospital Unit 1
c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.

A/C H.B. Benjamin '42
Sqdn. N A/C Pre-Tech. Sch.
Seymour Johnson Fld. N.C.

Lt. Vasco Fenili '40
605 T.D. Bn.
Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Pfc. Francis L. Wainwright '37
302 Sign. Opr. Bn.
Camp Swift, Texas

Cpl. Warren A. Flower '42
3rd Sign. Trng. Co.
Brks. 138 Holobird Sign. Depot
Baltimore 19, Md.

A/C Perry Scott '41
Address Wanted

Lt. Edwin Malesky '35
APO 9029, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Lt. Leonard C. Hodgkinson '36
Btry C. 7th AAA AW Bn.
Camp Pickett, Va.

Lt. Howard P. Miller, O-2046289
APO 520, c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Warren Himmelberger '44
Aerology Office, USNAS
Lakehurst, N.J.

Ens. Fred Bowman '43
Aerological Dept.
Naval Air Trng. Center
Pensacola, Fla.

Cpl. Ian Tarbet '42
Hdq. & Sch. Hdq. Sign. Dept. Co.
Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas

Cpl. Marne M. Clark '40 33115611
APO 230 c/o P.M.
New York, N.Y.

Major Alfred Kramer 0300181 '31
AOC Staff & Faculty
Field Artillery School
Fort Sill, Okla.

Cpl. Thomas R. Meredith 33345861
Co. A 7th Bn. 4th Pltn.
Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Sgt. Wallace H. Deebel '29
Trng. Unit Peterson Field
Colorado Springs, Colo.

We're down to the bottom of the stencil and that means it's time to say so long for this time. Wherever you fellows may be and whatever your job may be, I hope you'll understand that all of us back here at College are thinking of you and wishing you the best of everything.

Sincerely,

Gordon

Gordon B. Fister
For the Alumni Office